

**Report of the Technical Manager to
The Chief Parks and Countryside Officer
Date: 5th December 2018**

Subject: Methley village Greenspace Improvements: - The Junction recreation ground

Capital Scheme No. 32956

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Kippax and Methley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

Approval is sought to inject £120,000 green space monies and to note the injection of £120,000 green space monies in to the capital programme and to seek authority to spend (ATS) £120,00 s106 monies on improving Savile Road Recreation Ground play space.

The Best Council Plan 2013-17 highlights the ambition for Leeds to become the best city with an economy that is both prosperous and sustainable so all our communities are successful. Within the plan, there is emphasis on supporting communities through healthy lifestyles and getting people active, also building a child friendly city to ensure the best start in life. Improvements to parks play areas and other greenspace facilities are considered to contribute towards achieving these council objectives.

Recommendations

That the Chief Parks and Countryside Officer:

Approve the injection and expenditure of £120,000 s106 green space to enable the improvement works as outlined in this report to take place.

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to inject £120,000 s106 monies into the capital programme and to be granted approval to incur a total expenditure of £120,000 on the refurbishment of the playground and provision of some more dynamic play equipment for older children.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 Methley is a vibrant and busy commuter village, several new residential developments have taken place, which whilst bringing in green space contributions are also making a strain on the limited resources and facilities in the village.
- 2.2 Following a number of meetings with local residents and the local ward members the schemes above were highlighted as being the main areas needing improving.
- 2.3 All 3 playgrounds are very well used but all are in need of modernising and provision of new additional equipment.

3.0 Funding sources

- 3.1 £323,958 s106 monies from the BDW development at Station House Methley, has been secured towards the improvement work.

15/073601	BDW Station house Methley	£323,958
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4.0 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 4.1 All the playground schemes will be subject to tendering via the council's procurement methods, for the supply of the equipment, currently the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), to ensure best value is secured for the works.
- 4.3 Work to the sports fields will be undertaken by the Parks and Countryside service will all the works and materials being procured in accordance with the council's procurement and financial regulations.

5.0 Programme

- 5.1 Work on site is planned for autumn 2018 with a completed by March 2019.
- 5.2 The project will be managed by the Parks and Countryside service.
- 5.1.2 Where specialised elements are required the Parks and Countryside Service will engage specialised contractors via the councils approved procurement and financial management systems.

5.2 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.2.1 Consultation with the ward members was undertaken by e mail on the 15th of January 2018.
- 5.2.2 Furthermore the plans were presented to the residents meeting in March 2018, as way of a final sign off on the design and proposals.

6.0 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 6.1 The process for spending green space Section 106 monies has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment. It concluded there were impacts as regards equality and diversity. Many of the issues relate to the restrictive nature of funding generated through S106 legal agreements. There is a strong focus and reliance on public consultation with existing and potential users as part of the preparation of proposals.
- 6.1.2 These proposals include improvements that will mainly benefit children and their carers.

6.2 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 6.2.1 The most relevant Vision for Leeds (2012-2030) ambition is to have high quality buildings, places and green spaces, which are clean, looked after and respect the city's heritage, including buildings, parks and the history of our communities by 2030.
- 6.2.2 On 22nd August 2007, through revisions to the council's Capital Strategy, Executive Board resolved that, where there are funding requirements for pre-determined priority works to community parks, play areas and sports pitches, any available S106 funds should be used where such works are legally eligible within the terms of the legal agreement.

6.3 Sources and value for money

- 6.3.1 The project will be managed by the Parks and Countryside service. All materials and plant will be procured consistent with the city council's financial procedures and the council's standing orders to ensure that the proposal delivers best value. These proposals may involve procurement of specialist sub-contractors. Some of the works will be carried out by Parks and Countryside in-house supplier.

6.4 Scheme Costs

Funding Approval :	Capital Section Reference Number :-						
Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2017 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 £000's	2021 £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2017 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 £000's	2021 £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	120.0			120.0			
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	120.0	0.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2017 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 £000's	2021 £000's
S106	120.0			120.0			
Total Funding	120.0	0.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

6.5.1 Revenue implications

The future and on-going maintenance of each site will be managed from existing revenue budgets.

6.5.1 A detailed breakdown of the project costs is available on file. The headline costs are as follows:

Identified Construction Items
TOTAL

£120,000 (exclusive of VAT)

6.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

6.6.1 This is classified as a significant operational decision. No call in period applies.

6.7 Risk Management

6.7.1 A full risk assessment will be undertaken prior to commencement on site. The work is being undertaken by the Parks and Countryside operational team who will be responsible for all on-site Health and Safety.

7.1 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Chief Parks and Countryside Officer:
Approve the injection and expenditure of £120,000 s106 green space to enable the improvement works as outlined in this report to take place.

8.0 Background documents¹

- 8.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.